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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF SPANISH TOURIST OFFICE

REF: STATE 132490 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPTOFF CONVEYED TO SPANISH EMBASSY ON JUNE 10 INFORMAL AND PRELIMINARY REACTION TO POINTS RAISED RE SPANISH TOURIST OFFICE IN NEW YORK. POINTS BELOW KEYED TO LETTERED PARAGRAPHS OF THAT NOTE AS REPORTED REFTEL:

A. DEPARTMENT FILES INDICATE THAT THE HEAD OF THE SPANISH TOURIST OFFICE IS NOT ACCREDITED TO THE USG BUT IS ONLY REGISTERED AS A GOS EMPLOYEE IN THE US; HE THEREFORE HAS NO PRIVILEGES OR IMMUNITIES, AND IN ANY EVENT OFFICE ITSELF IS REGISTERED UNDER FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT AND IS THUS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.

B. PROVISION OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS IS NO DEFENSE AGAINST INSPECTION, SINCE INSPECTION IS REQUIRED TO VERIFY THOSE

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REPORTS.

C. ABSENCE OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BY THE OFFICE IS

IMMATERIAL, SINCE UNDER THE ACT IT IS NOT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BUT RATHER PUBLIC RELATIONS, PROMOTIONAL OR INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

WHICH REQUIRES REGISTRATION, SUBMISSION OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS AND INSPECTION UNDER THAT ACT.

2. DEPTOFF ALSO ADVISED THAT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WAS PREPARED TO GO FORWARD WITH CIVIL SUIT AGAINST SPANISH TOURIST OFFICE FOR FAILURE TO PERMIT INSPECTION. SIMILAR SUIT BEING PREPARED AGAINST FRENCH TOURIST OFFICE IN NEW YORK FOR SAME REASON.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD BRIEF MFA ON THIS MATTER. VANCE

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